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Town pursues regional lagoon system

BY JOSH SKAPIN
Didsbury Review

The Town of Didsbury is facing a challenge as it attempts to complete a feasibility study for a regional lagoon system.

Alberta Environment turned down the town's bid for funds to assist in the study, listing the regional aspect of the project as a point of concern.

The project would possibly include neighbouring municipalities, Carstairs, and Mountain View County in the water system.

"We're hitting our numbers and maxing out of our capacity sooner than what had been anticipated four or five years ago," said Didsbury Mayor Brian Wittal.

"We all have to do something and timing is of the essence, so we thought we should explore all the options, from one big regional system for all of us to participate in, to back to just everybody doing their own thing."

Spokesperson for Alberta Environment, Cara Van Marck says efficiency is an issue with regional lagoon systems.

"For example, if you have a town of three thousand people, and they need a lagoon size of 100 square metres - if you have a regional lagoon for 50,000 people, you would need that size of lagoon system, so it would be enormous," she said.

"The other problem with a lagoon system is that once, maybe twice a year this water is put back into the river.

"But you're only allowed to put so much water back into the river. There are restrictions. If it's an enormous lagoon, it would never be able to put back water into the river.

"If you had a regional mechanical system, that would make more sense. But with a regional mechanical system, it costs more money."

Wittal says, when applying for funding regional projects are typically favoured.

"Quite often they look favourably on that because you're not recreating something every seven miles," he said.

"If you can build something that is bigger and regional and it makes sense...with a big regional facility, you need to have specifically trained people to run those plants, but right now each town has to have individuals who are specifically trained on the proper treatment of sewer lagoons - it's the same thing. Maybe you can do it with fewer employees at a bigger facility. These are things that have to be looked at, but we're not even getting the opportunity."

In a letter advising the town of the issue, Geoffrey Schulmeister of ISL Engineering and Land Services posed some concerns in partnering with the Town of Carstairs.

"Partnering with Carstairs appears somewhat challenging," he said.

"It could cost \$5 to \$7 million for conveyance between the towns based on \$500/m, plus any capital upgrades required in Carstairs to facilitate this system. This would likely significantly reduce or eliminate any potential savings based on economics of scale associated with larger lagoons, plus could make it tricky to discharge all wastewater flows within the three week window allowed at a reasonable discharge all wastewater flows within the three week window allowed at a reasonable discharge that would not cause erosion or flooding issues downstream of the town..."

Didsbury Town council voted in favour of contracting ISL Engineering and Land Services to complete the municipality's portion of the study for an estimated cost of \$3,000 to \$5,000.



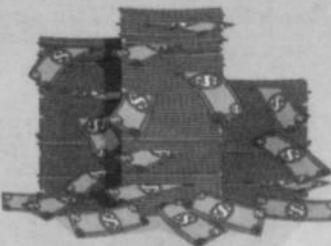
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HIGH HOPES - Michelle Pochapsky, Grade 9, clears the bar during high jump competition in the Mountain View County Jr. High School Track and Field Meet held in Sundre, Tuesday. Pochapsky finished second behind Sundre's Mackenzie Landsburg.

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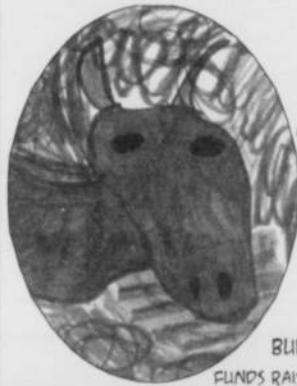
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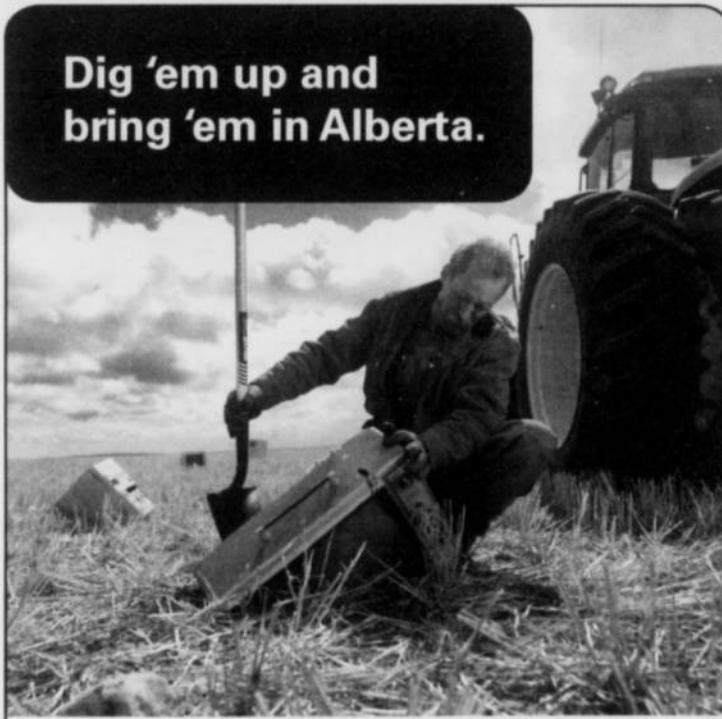


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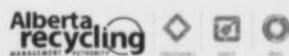
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Tackling weeds in town

Town teams with county versus Scentless Chamomile

BY JOSH SKAPIN
Didsbury Review

The Town of Didsbury is partnering with Mountain View County to fight nuisance weeds in the community.

In addition to Didsbury, Manager of Agriculture and Parks Services for Mountain View County, Jeff Holmes says its urban weed control program has been offered to Carstairs, Olds, and Cremona.

town's lead inspector Byron Sayer, who has held the position for the past three years.

The project's pilot run was last year, and held in Olds, which Holmes said was a success.

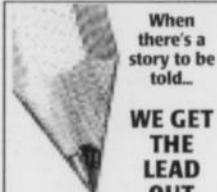
"We'll be using a similar model as we try to tackle our problem," said Sayer.

According to Sayer, the town's weed control campaign will last throughout the summer months, and will place a focus on private properties, and town properties, including parks and lagoons.

"We will be staying on top of that and making sure the enforcement is there," said Sayer, adding that there are a few areas in town that have been identified as problem spots for weeds.

Sayer says certain weeds are seen as a bigger nuisance than others, noting Scentless Chamomile and Toadflax as the most significant.

Scentless Chamomile can be identified by its daisy-like head, finely divided leaves, and that it has no odour.



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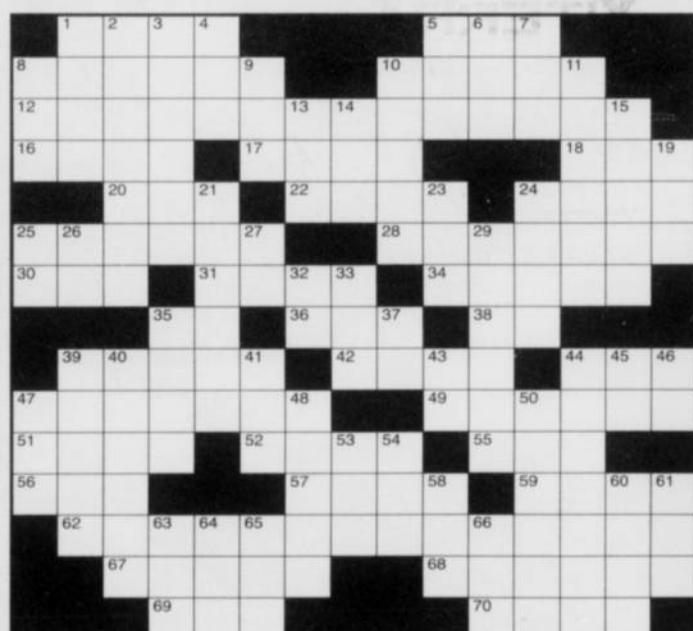
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BYRON SAYER

"We provide the technical expertise to get the job done."

Holmes says it provides the town with a dedicated, trained weed inspector – which in Didsbury's case will work with the

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- Lacking hair
- Behave in a certain manner
- Asian race
- Often in town
- Early D. Shore hit song
- Copyread
- Talks
- Mortar trough
- Japanese classical theater
- Digits
- Ballpoint pen
- Popular casual slacks
- Mended shoes
- London radio station
- Less than average tide
- Counterbalances
- Equal
- Sheep's wool
- 1/1000 of an ampere
- Hausk poet Matso
- Indian arrowheads
- Drop
- Throw out of killer
- Impaired older person
- Jai ___ sport
- Supports testifies
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- Bachelor of Laws
- Jail
- the face of a timepiece
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- Desert in a bay
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- Ringing instruments
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- Public promotion
- Eat to your fill
- One of the 6 noble gases
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- "The Crow" actress Ling
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Opinion

Commentary

Graduation season must be drunk driver free

DAN SINGLETON



With high school graduation celebrations and parties taking place throughout the month, it's a good time to remember that road safety must always come first.

Like every year, teenage grads and their friends will be attending special events over the next few weeks, marking the end of school days and getting ready for new challenges.

For most grads this will be a memorable time filling with promise. Sadly past experience has shown that for some young people, graduation season 2008 may end in injury or even death in liquor-fueled motor vehicle accidents.

The David Thompson Health Region has joined other health regions in encouraging young people and others to make road safety a top priority during graduation time.

Motor vehicle collisions are predictable and preventable, said Patty LeMay, injury prevention specialist with the DTHR. Grads are urged to spend more time planning strategies on how to reduce risk and prevent their celebrations ending up in hospital emergency wards.

Planning ahead to ensure that everyone involved in the partying process has a safe, sober ride home is an absolute must, she said.

No one should drive while under the influence of drugs or alcohol, or have to depend on someone who has been drinking. The reality is that best intentions and peer pressure over a long evening represent a risk.

While the message that drinking and driving is a bad idea is given widespread play across Alberta every day of the year, far too many drivers, both men and women, continue to ignore the warnings.

For example, one need only look at the docket at any provincial court any day of the week to see the hard evidence that for some very stupid people drunk driving remains an acceptable way of getting around.

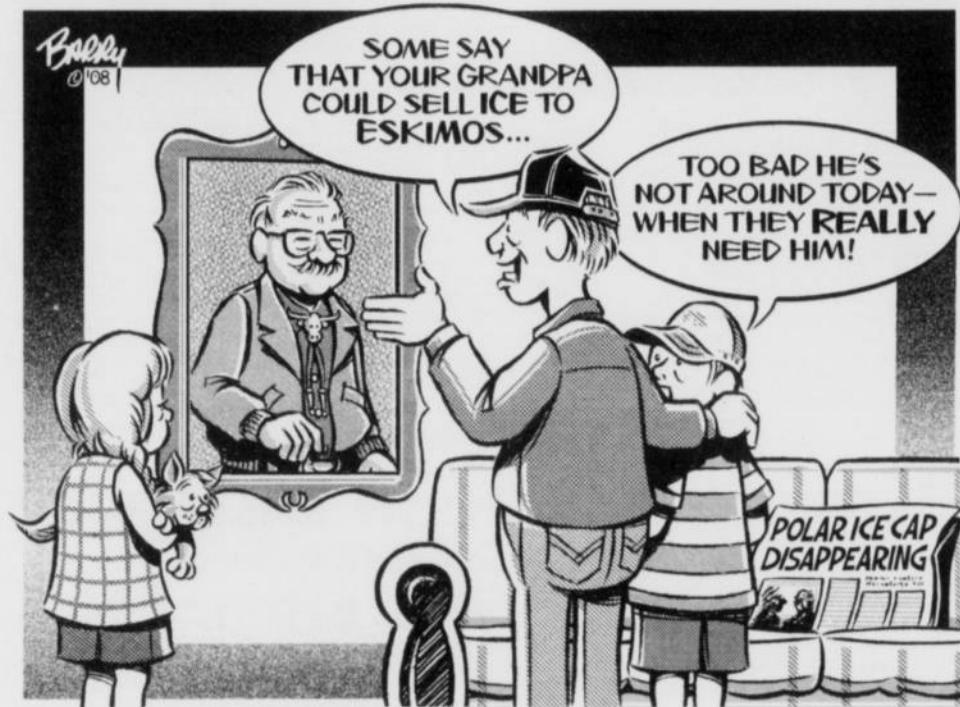
Hopefully, for everyone's sake, central Alberta grads will show more sense, leaving the driving to someone who is clean and sober.

Parents and others also have a responsibility to make sure that area young people have a safe graduation season. It's easy - If you see a drunk driver, call 911.

As in past years, reporters and photographers from the Olds Albertan, the Innisfail Province, the Didsbury Review, the Carstairs Courier, the Sundre Round Up, and other newspapers will be covering graduation celebrations at area high schools this month.

Hopefully those same reporters and photographers won't be called out to cover the tragic end to some young person's life at the hands of an impaired driver.

Ask any firefighter, police officer, paramedic, EMT, news photographer or reporter who has been to an impaired driving fatality accident involving young people and they'll tell you that only a thoughtless criminal idiot would drive drunk.



Commentary

Mammoth pay raise irresponsible

MARK LAYCOCK
Didsbury Review

If you're like me and rather outraged with the inconceivable decision by the Alberta cabinet to vote themselves in a cushy 30 per cent pay hike, then you probably spent the better part of the weekend trying to remove the rather unpleasant, bitter aftertaste from your mouth — the bottles of mouthwash did nothing, trust me.

It seems as though Premier Stelmach is giving himself an extravagant pat on the back after his commanding victory from the last provincial election.

Albertans certainly aren't opposed to a yearly raise for our hardworking politicians — they do run the province let's not forget — however, a \$42,000 raise appears inconceivably unjustifiable.

Stelmach alone will see his yearly salary jump to \$213,450 from \$159,450, while cabinet ministers will see their salaries increase to \$184,000 from \$142,000.

The premier claims the hike was introduced in order to attract more talented individuals to politics.

Given, politics isn't exactly a glamorous position most 5-year-olds gloat about being part of when they grow up, but \$142,000 a year and a nice pension should be adequate, even in Alberta's roaring economy, to attract prospective political recruits.

What really removes any poten-

tial credibility to the increase is the way in which it was introduced for approval.

Rather than put forward a vote on the matter, or even elect a panel to review the idea of such an increase, the idea was slipped into the daily motions of business of Orders in Council, suspiciously titled "MLA Remuneration Order."

Excuse me while I consult a dictionary...

Actually that's a rather witty, inconspicuous title, I'll give them that.

The average Albertan family, consisting of two members or more makes \$76,500 a year before taxes. Keep in mind that politician wages are 1/3 tax-free.

It is expected that our politicians should be able to adequately and fairly police themselves in areas concerning wages and benefits, however this move proves that politicians, at least in Alberta, need a more sufficient method of checks and balances.

This type of move is usually something the NDP and Liberals will pounce on immediately with both barrels blazing, but it appears even the province's guardian angels have given in to a slice of greed.

Opposition leaders and the Speaker will be receiving an additional \$42,000 a year for their work on government committees, as recommended by the legislature's Standing Committee on Members Services last week. It has been sug-

gested the increase prompted the Tories to follow suit.

I suppose it would be naive to think opposition members would stand vividly opposed to a pay increase, but sometimes dreams do come true — such a large wage bump sure seems like a fantasy come reality for many Albertans.

Scott Hennig of the Alberta Taxpayers Federation has been quite vocal on the issue, calling for the province to roll back the increase immediately, and promptly establish an independent citizens' committee to examine MLA salaries.

This seems like a fair trade, however it seems unlikely Stelmach would accept the idea so swiftly.

Meanwhile, MLA wages, which are adjusted on April 1 of every year, will see a more reasonable increase of 4.53 per cent.

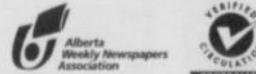
It is hard for the public to understand what it's like to go to and fro as a cabinet minister, which makes the subject rather subjective, but it appears the only plausible way to put everyone's minds at ease is to hire a public committee to review wages.

It would be a struggle to find a typical Albertan who would turn down a 30 per cent pay raise, regardless of their occupation, but for individuals who are expected to represent the best interest of Albertans it seems only natural that they should know when to say enough.

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Eyes on Westglen

KATARINA GRAVES

 As the school year draws nearer to a close the students are counting the days until the end of the year. May breezed by relatively quickly, bringing June one step closer.

The Boys vs. Girls competition tipped off this month with basketball games and the Grade 5, 6 and 7 girls put out a valiant effort but unfortunately were trumped by the boys. The grade eight girls kept it close, and it was tied for a good part of the game but the boys slipped ahead by three points and won the game!

Track and Field went very well this time around, Westglen sent approximately 50 students and 15 managed to advance to zones. In the midget girls category the high jumper and long jumper placed second then first. The 1500m and 800m runners placed first as well as the 200m runner who placed second. The 4x100 girls relay team, who finished second, will be competing also. The midget boys 4x100 relay team and bantam girls javelin participants are also attending. Westglen as a school placed second overall out of six schools, congratulations!

On another "athletic" note Hoops for Heart will be starting up this year. Our brief assembly introduced the Grade 5s to the program and refreshed the rest of us with some slightly scary facts. Apparently our generation are the first generation in quite some time expected to have a life expectancy shorter than our own parents, so it's another reminder that the repercussions of our actions now (food/diet/exercise choices) will certainly play a role in our lives, the quality and length. So let's hope we can raise as much money or more to go towards funding and research for the organization!

The grade sixes, to their own dismay had to endure their provincial achievement tests this month but were treated with a trip to the Didsbury/Olds airport where they got to take turns going up in

the planes (with the pilots) and experience flying in a whole different way.

Mrs. Biggin is the teacher of the month for May; here at Westglen she teaches Band and homeroom. Mrs. Biggin has been teaching for 12 years, eight of which have been at Westglen. Her inspiration to teach band and music came from several facts, first both her parents were teachers and she always knew that she wanted to teach too. In high school her band teacher was like her mentor she provided a great and fun experience and Mrs. Biggin wanted to recreate that for other kids. The most rewarding part about her job is that she gets to watch the students grow, not just musically but as a person too through their school years, she loves to see her students enjoying themselves and it makes her job even better when they get excited about what their learning. There really are no downsides, she says, the only thing is that it's busy but the positives are far more present. She can't say she really has one favourite memory but one thing that really sticks out in her mind is when she was on maternity leave and busy decorating her Christmas tree when a group of students came to her house and performed Christmas carols for her. She thought it was wonderful that they had taken their own time to rehearse and do that for her. Band Camp of course brings unique things each time around, it's her favourite part of the school year. Being a music teacher and teacher in general has taught her that patience is key, and that what you bring to the table each day and every class and your attitude affects everyone. If you come in with a positive attitude and give it your all then everyone else is much more likely to as well. All in all, Mrs. Biggin loves her job and she knows that she had all the opportunity and chance to choose a different career path, but she felt this was her calling and so she stuck to it and enjoys every bit of it.

June promises to be very busy with the Boys. Vs. Girls competition continuing, report cards coming out and end of the year events and surprises!

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Bonavista invites you to an open house at the Carstairs Gas plant located 10 km. south west of Carstairs located adjacent to Highway 580.

The purpose of the open house is to provide an opportunity to tour the facility prior to the proposed plant consolidation that is anticipated in Q4 of this year. Taylor Processing has proposed a pipeline project that would ultimately divert all of the raw gas from Carstairs to their Harmattan plant. This will allow most of the Carstairs plant equipment to be shut down resulting in a substantial net positive environmental impact.

The open house will also provide an opportunity for old friends to get together to reminisce about the "old days". Food will be served during the event.

The gas plant has been in operation since early 1960 and has become a landmark over the years with Home Oil being the first operator, followed by Anderson Exploration, Devon and now Bonavista Petroleum. The workers at the plant have been instrumental in helping shape Carstairs and the surrounding communities; many of the current and past workers still reside in the area and are involved in farming and in many local organizations. Bonavista looks forward to remaining a vibrant part of the community and the Carstairs plant will continue to operate on a smaller scale as only inlet compression, separation, water injection and the associated equipment will remain in operation.

Children under 16 are permitted to tour the plant but they must be accompanied by an adult; please feel free to join us for our open house.

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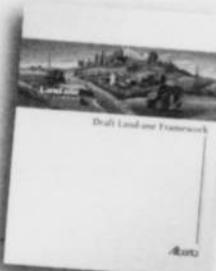
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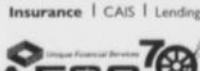
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MCPI Tye Walsh accepts the award for "Most Improved Cadet" from Major LG Lammers at the change of command ceremony last week.

Cadets change of command

The Change of Command Ceremony for the Didsbury Army Cadets took place on Monday night, May 26, 2008. Major L.G. Lanumers presided over the change of command ceremony which transferred command of

3025 Royal Canadian Army Cadets Didsbury from Captain Dave Watson to Lt. Brad Gregor.

very well recognized and active organization throughout Mountain View County. Cadets from all over Mountain View County are members of the Cadet Corps in Didsbury.

This upcoming year marks the Army Cadet Corp's 20th anniversary in

Didsbury. Since 1988 over 300 young people from Mountain View County have been members of the Didsbury Army Cadets.

Cadets is a federally-sponsored program for young Canadians ages 12 to 18 who learn about the traditions of the Canadian Forces, and participate in

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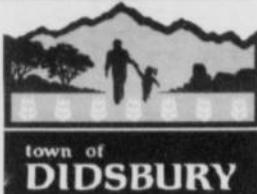
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Shop: 7:30 am to 4:00 pm	335-8343
Planning & Development	335-3391
Didsbury Neighborhood Place	335-8719
Community Services & FCSS	335-8719
Didsbury Landfill	335-2005
Memorial Complex & Aquatic Centre	335-7369
Rosebud Valley Campground	335-8578
Chamber of Commerce Office	335-3265
Library	335-3142

PUBLIC MEETINGS & NOTICES

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS:

DATE CHANGE: Tuesday June 10, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Council Chambers

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

June 4, 2008 and June 18, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers

DIDSBUY LIFELINE SOCIETY:

Monday June 9, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers

The Town Office will be closed the second Friday of every month from Noon to 1:00 pm (June 13, 2008)

NEW DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENT PERMITS HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS:

DP 52-08	5 Greensborough Bay	Deck	RC
DP 53-08	2101 - 25 Avenue	Deck	R2
DP 55-08	18 Westpoint Drive	Deck with Waiver	R1

Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 - 19 Avenue or by calling 335-3391. Person(s) wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing, with the appropriate fees, to the Secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 p.m. on **June 17, 2008**.

Robert Wigg, Development Officer

Rollout Cart Schedule

June 2008

■ Black Bin ■ Green Bin

Su	Mo	Tu	W	Th	Fri	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

NOTICE
Large Grass Bin at Recycling Centre
The large green grass bin which was located at the Recycling Centre on 19th Street has been removed in conjunction with the Green Rollout Compost Cart Program. Residents who wish to disperse of extra compost materials such as grass clippings, leaves and small branches should take them to the Didsbury Landfill Site. A small fee of 3.5¢/kg will be charged.

Town of Didsbury Council TOWN HALL MEETING

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Didsbury 5-0 Club

2500 - 15th Avenue

Public Welcome

Public works will be cleaning streets, please watch for no parking signs.



ROAD CLOSURE NOTICE FOR SPECIAL EVENT!

June 14, 2008 Didsbury Lions Soap Box Derby

Time of Closure: 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Closure of Highway 582 Junction at the east side of the Campground to 19th Street. Detour of traffic east and west on 20th Avenue to 19th Street and north and south on 19th Street from Highway 582 and 20th Avenue.

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If you are unsure of your property address number, please contact the Town of Didsbury at 335-3391.



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Tuesday, June 17

from 4-7 pm



Didsbury Neighborhood Place
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Early Bird Rate!
Call 335-8719 for more details.

2008 PROPERTY ASSESSMENT & TAXATION NOTICES

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New chamber members inducted

BY MARK LAYCOCK
Didsbury Review

The Didsbury Chamber of Commerce welcomed its new board members last Tuesday with a swearing in by mayor Brian Wittal.

This year's members include: president Margo Ward, vice-president Greig Poirier, secretary Bill Anthony, treasurer Bob Longeway and directors Dionn Blatz, Deb Pelletier, Ian Kennedy and Ursula Krebs.

"We have a new energetic council this year, so I'm looking forward to getting everything accomplished that we want to this year," said Ward.

She admits the last year has been trying for the chamber with a sparse council and had whether putting a damper on events, but overall it was a success-

ful year.

The introduction of big box stores to Olds had a noticeable impact on downtown business, but Ward says that business has been trickling back home, a common cycle when big business moves in.

"(Big box stores) will come in and create all sorts of excitement and energy and people will go for a while until they realize the prices there moved up and then people start coming back home; they need to be shopping at home if our businesses are going to survive."

For the 2008/2009 year, Ward says the chamber will work on improving membership and continuing to make Didsbury an attractive, vibrant community to visit and conduct business.

"Our focus will remain somewhat the

same with a bigger focus on the membership in terms of increasing it," says Ward.

The chamber will be putting greater emphasis on the Local First campaign this year in hopes of keeping existing local customers in Didsbury, a movement that has been steadily growing since some downtown businesses extended evening hours to attract individuals who commute out of town for work.

"By the time they got home there was nobody open here," says Ward, who notes that the chamber was calling for this change a few years ago, but only saw its introduction this year.

Ward says citizens should look forward to this year's upcoming events including the 2009 annual Trade Fair, Rose Bud Run and Country Christmas.



Josh Skapin/Didsbury Review

In a ceremony last week, the 2008 Didsbury and District Chamber of Commerce administration was officially sworn in. From left, Mayor Brian Wittal, Deb Pelletier, Bob Longeway (treasurer), Dionn Blatz, Bill Anthony (secretary), Margo Ward (president), Greg Poirier (vice president), Ursula Krebs, and Ian Kennedy.

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Please call the Didsbury Health Unit at 335-7292 for more information and appointment.



Photo submitted

Artist Lila Weiss accepts the People's Choice Award from Wellspring Visual Art Network Association president Carroll Smith at the Olds and District Trade Show Marketplace held earlier this year.

Editorial Pay raise a mistake

Three months ago Alberta MLAs ran in the provincial election knowing the workload, commitment and remuneration. Salaries, and more importantly, the intangible reward of public service, seemed more than adequate to attract many candidates, many of whom sought re-election.

That all changed last week when so-called fiscally conservative Premier Ed Stelmach and his 23 cabinet ministers boosted their salaries 30 to 34 per cent making

Stelmach the highest paid premier in Canada at \$213,450. Not a bad gig when you consider the average annual wage for Canadians is just under \$40,000 which is fully taxed unlike our provincial politicians who receive part of their wage tax-free.

According to the Canadian Taxpayers Federation, the blanket increase started when a decision was made by the Standing Committee on Members' Services to offer additional commit-

tee pay to the NDP and Liberal leaders and the speaker. This would have given Taft, Mason and Kowalski higher income than the premier.

Rather than fix the error, a blanket increase was offered as remedy. To make matters worse, it was done behind closed doors without independent public review or debate.

Some might argue Alberta politicians are underpaid and deserving of the hefty hike. The same argument can be

made for teachers, doctors, nurses and just about any other provincial employee. The lineup for additional compensation will start soon. The message is clear—there's plenty of taxpayer money for everyone.

Let's hope the open, transparent government we were promised, admits its mistake. Premier Stelmach should rescind the raises and call for a public review, or better yet, be satisfied with the compensation offered prior to last week.

You're Invited We're listening

The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) is meeting with members of the community to provide information and to hear your feedback on the need for reinforcement of the transmission system between the Edmonton and Calgary regions. Construction of a new transmission line between the regions is being considered within the grey study area of the map. A second reinforcement is forecast to be needed in the next few years. After receiving community input, AESO will make decisions on need and preferred routing and file a Needs Identification Document with the Alberta Utilities Commission.

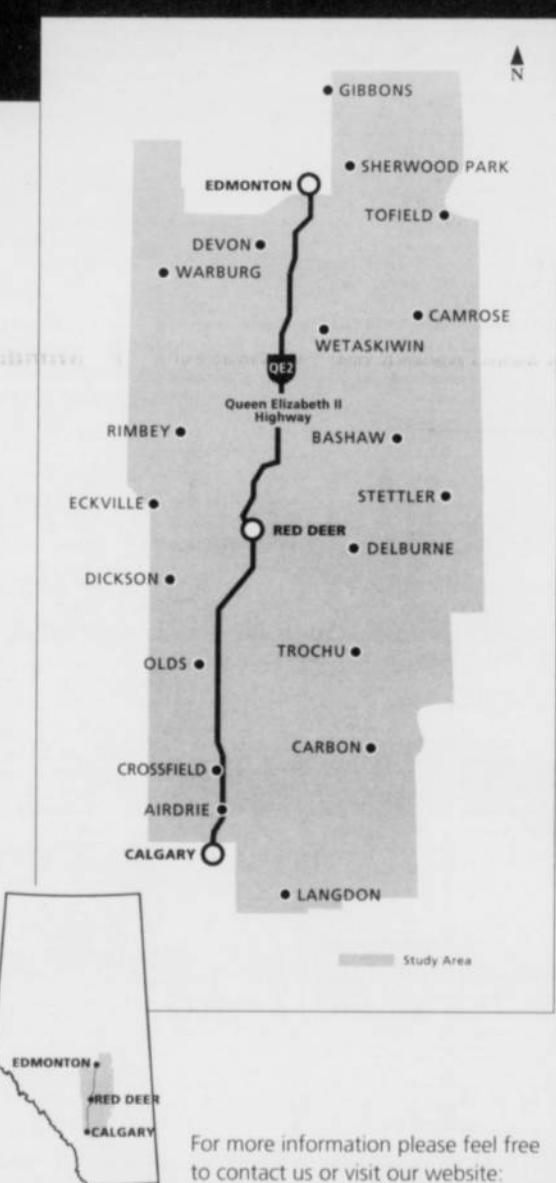
Information will be available on options being considered for reinforcement.

Two transmission facility owners, AltaLink and ATCO Electric, will also be in attendance to answer your questions.

Please join us at any of the information sessions listed below between 4:00 PM and 8:00 PM. At each open house various representatives will be available to show you the alternatives and to listen to your opinions and advice.

OLDS June 2 Olds Alumni Centre	DELBURNE June 12 Delburne Community Hall	CAMROSE June 24 Edgeworth Centre
TROCHU June 3 Trochu Community Centre	RIMBEY June 16 Rimby Community Centre	WETASKIWIN June 25 By the Lake Park, upstairs hall
CROSSFIELD June 4 Main Hall	WARBURG June 17 Community Hall	AIRDRIE June 26 Airdrie Town & Country Centre
RED DEER June 5 South Hill Kinsmen Community Centre	SHERWOOD PARK June 18 Best Western Sherwood Hotel & Conference Centre	BASHAW June 30 Bashaw Agricultural Society
ECKVILLE June 9 Eckville Community Centre	TOFIELD June 19 Tofield Community Hall	LANGDON July 2 Langdon Community Hall
DICKSON June 10 Spruce View Community Hall	DEVON June 23 Devon Community Centre	CARBON July 3 Carbon Community Centre
STETTLER June 11 Recreation Centre		GIBBONS July 7 Community Hall

The AESO is committed to protecting your personal privacy in accordance with Alberta's Personal Information Protection Act. Any personal information collected by the AESO with regard to this project may be used to provide you with further information about the project, may be disclosed to the Alberta Utilities Commission (and as a result, may become public), and may also be disclosed to the eligible Transmission Facility Owner. If you have any questions about how the AESO will use and disclose your personal information collected with regard to this project, please contact us at 888.866.2959 or at stakeholder.relations@aesoo.ca.



For more information please feel free to contact us or visit our website:

AESO

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www.aeso.ca



Community Resources

This is a free community event listing service, sponsored by area businesses, provided to non-profit organizations or local community groups. Listing is free to any non-profit organization or community group in the

Didsbury Review distribution area. While every effort will be made to ensure each request for publication is granted, the Didsbury Review does not **GUARANTEE** publication for a variety of reasons including space

constraints. To try and accommodate as many requests as possible, please keep submissions to 20 words or less. Please have your submissions in at least two weeks prior to the date of the event you are publicizing.

CITIZENS ON PATROL

Didsbury/Carstairs. Driving in a neighborhood near you. To volunteer call 335-8755.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Meets the 2nd Thursday each month. For more info please call 335-3265.

DIDSBUY TOPS Take Off Pounds

Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Stacey at 335-4487 or Rosemary 335-2835.

BEAVERS Tues. 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

TIME OUT Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury's Mom's Time Out and Dads Too program. At Didsbury neighborhood Place, Mondays 10-11:30 a.m. Call 335-4270.

KING HIRAM LODGE #21

Has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

ST. HILDA CHAPTER #27 D.O.E.S.

Has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info. Call Marg Steckler at 335-4281.

DIDSBUY SENIOR SUPPORT SERVICES

Co-ordinates assistance for seniors. Call 335-4391.

DIDSBUY SHUTTLE BUS

Scheduled transportation for anyone on Monday, Wednesdays & Fridays 9 - 3. Please call day prior or by 8:00 a.m. for pick up. 507-0208. Wheelchair accessible. Sponsored by the Didsbury Lions Club.

DIDSBUY ELKS LODGE Supper Meeting - 4th Thursdays, Regular Meeting - 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month. Call 335-4676 for info.

LEARNING DISABILITIES MTN. View Chapter. Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning disabilities. For info call Susan at 335-3174.

DIDSBUY MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC - Provides free accessible mental health services. Which incl. assessments, individual family & group counselling & crisis intervention. Mon. to Fri. 8:30-4:00.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Meetings

Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 21 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Colleen at 335-8484 or Rick at 335-9525.

CREMONA COUNTRY FELLOWSHIP

is hosting VBS on August 20-24, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. The theme is Big Fish and there will be Bible stories, games, snacks and crafts. Contact 637-3878 for more information.

HALL RENTALS:

Rosebud Hall rentals. Call 335-9945 or 335-8767, for meetings, family events or reunions.

RUGBY HALL RENTALS CALL

Delta @ 335-8767, for meetings, family events or reunions.

• 5-0 Club Hall Rentals

For Hall rentals &/or info regarding the hall please call Joyce Schumaker 335-2861. • To Rent **Didsbury Elks Hall**. Call Ray Vipond. 335-8082. • To Rent **St. Cyprian's Anglican Church Hall**, contact Myrna Watt 335-3745.

• To Rent **The Lone Pine Hall**

which is located east of Didsbury, contact Jo-Anne Hannah at 335-4190. • To Rent **Mountain View Community Hall** for meetings, community events, family or group reunions call John 335-8860. • The **Fallen Timber Community Hall** offers an ideal place for quiet safety meetings or fabulous social activities. Please contact Esther McMullen for more info at 637-2270.

SHARE A LITTLE MAGIC, YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Spending one hour a week with a child at school. Have fun together - play games, shoot some hoops, draw, read or do crafts. Mentoring works!

Call Mountain View

Mentoring at 586-0110.

Volunteers needed in

Carstairs, Cremona.

Didsbury, Olds & Sundre. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Innisfail.

DIDSBUY LIFELINE Emergency Response System - Shirley 335-3787. Don 335-4676.

MOUNTAIN VIEW CHORALIERS invite you to sing with us 7 p.m. Mondays at the 5-0 club, 2500 15 Ave. 367m

DIDSBUY ROYAL PURPLE #317 Regular meeting at 7:30 p.m., 2nd Wednesday of each month. For info call Ellen Trevendale 335-8382

ALANON: For family and friends of alcoholics. Alice 556-5911, Reg 337-3762.

DIDSBUY AND AREA SUPPORT GROUP

For friends and families of people with Alzheimer Disease and other forms of dementia. Join us the last Monday of each month, 7-9 p.m. Aspen Ridge Lodge, 1100 - 20 Ave., Didsbury, 335-9848. Dolina Watson, 403-335-7285.

DIDSBUY & DISTRICT HEALTH SERVICES AUXILIARY

monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in Unit 4 at the hospital.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

12-Step group for Compulsive Overeaters. meets on

Thursdays at 7 p.m. at St. Francis of

Assisi Anglican church, 130

Albert St., Airdrie. For more

information call Deb at 948-0563 or Frankie at

335-3633.

3025 RCACC

Didsbury Army Cadets Youth 12-18 Monday 6:30 - 9:30. Downstairs Victoria Square Mall 559-8801. 44thm

PARENT LINK DROP IN PLAY CENTRE,

FREE playtime for parents and children ages 0-6yrs. Didsbury Neighborhood Place, Bay 2 - 2030 - 17 Ave. Open every Monday 1 pm-4:30 pm - 7:30pm from 9am to Noon. Linda at 586-5466.

ADULT HALL WALKING

at Westglen School from 6:30pm to 7:30pm from Monday to

Friday. Also free blood sugar testing on Mondays. For more information call Cindy at 335-9437.

DIDSBUY MUSEUM OPEN

10 a.m. - 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tues and Wed. Sat. 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. By appointment. Joan 335-6644 or Shirley 335-3277

DIDSBUY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY BUS

TRIP to Blackfoot Crossing - Cluny, June 21. Call Bea at 335-3058 to reserve.

DIDSBUY YOUTH JUSTICE

COMMITTEE's meetings are held the first Monday of each month. All persons interested in volunteering and helping to work with the youth in our community are encouraged to come. For location and time please call 335-1975. ttn

MIDWAY COMMUNITY WALKERS

Midway School will be open to anyone that would like to walk inside for exercise without the winter elements. Open every school day 7:30-8:30am. For more info call 337-2888.

LOOKING FOR RETIRED PEOPLE!

Willing to spend time with students at school one afternoon a week for a new mentoring program at Ross Ford Elementary School. Qualifications: like kids, like having fun, like to learn. Info phone Barb at 335-4024. ttn

DIDSBUY FIVE-O SINGERS

50+ and like to sing Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass or just plain melody. Every Tues evening 7:30 p.m. Didsbury 5-0 Club, 2500 15 Ave. Under new direction - Alice Gray 335-9604, new pianist - Emily Fulkerth, president Helene Newton 335-3253. ttn

WATER VALLEY & BITUMA SCHOOL

REUNION - August long weekend 2008. Looking for former students. For more information contact Muriel Foster, 1-403-637-2062. E-mail tuffield@telus.net. 11-31

The DIDSBUY MUSEUM

Garage Sale will be held on July 12 & 13 at 1614 - 15A Street. If you have any items to donate please call the Museum at 335-9295 or Frankie at 335-3633. The Museum Annual Pie Social will be held on June 21 from 1 to 4:30 pm. Come and enjoy our delicious pies and view our display of wedding attire from the early 1900's to the present day. Members \$4.00, Non-Members \$5.00.

DIDSBUY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY BUS

TRIP to Blackfoot Crossing - Cluny, June 21. Call Bea at 335-3058 to reserve. 22-25

DIDSBUY & DISTRICT SENIOR SUPPORT SERVICES

are hosting salute to seniors celebration Thursday, June 5 at 1:30 pm at Didsbury Memorial Complex. Free admission. 22-23

Church Directory

The REVIEW is pleased to provide this Church Directory as a community service

Anglican Church of Canada St. Cyprian's

2037 - 24th Ave. Didsbury - 335-4664

Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.

Mid-week service every third Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. St. Cyprian's is a small, friendly Christian Community who welcomes newcomers.

Sunday School will start back in September.

Knox United Didsbury

1406 - 19th Avenue

Minister Nancy Nourse

Please join our church family for worship.

10 am. each Sunday,

Nursery care available for infants and toddlers.

Sunday school provided for ages 3-17.

For information about mid-week programming for children, youth and adults please call 335-8373 or see our website at www.knox-united.com.

West Zion Mennonite Church

South of Didsbury to sign - West 1.5 miles

Pastor Trevor Kraka, info - 337-2020

Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.

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Berthold Mennonite Church

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Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service - 11 a.m.

Pastor: Elwin Garland

For more information ph. - 335-4451

St. Anthony's Catholic

2030 - 24 Ave. Didsbury

For more information please contact

Claude Baril - 335-3842

Catholic Women's League: Wendy MacKenzie 335-8507

Knight's of Columbus: Gary McNeil - 335-8611

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Mike Morgan, Senior Pastor

Colin Creighton, Youth Pastor

Christine Little, Children's Ministries Director

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Submitted/Didsbury

Clem Kuelker, Chair of the Rosebud Health Foundation receives a cheque from Grant Thompson of RBC Dominion Securities for gold sponsorship for the Annual Golf Fundraiser scheduled for August 2008.

What's in a name?

Bashaw

Approximately 60 km north-east of Red Deer.

The post office that opened here in December 1910 was named for Eugene Bashaw, an early settler who owned land upon which the town now sits. It was incorporated as a town on May 1, 1964.

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Kim Dick/Didsbury Review
Many local youth participate in the annual Didsbury Lions Soapbox Derby on Fathers' Day. Organizers say the event is an excellent bonding experience for area families.

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Excitement grows for Soapbox Derby

BY JOSH SKAPIN
Didsbury Review

With the event under two weeks away, Didsbury families can already be seen piecing together their vehicle for this year's competition.

For the eighth year in a row, the program is designed to "encourage dads, big brothers or moms to work with these guys that are going to be the drivers."

GEORGE PIEPER

row, the Didsbury Lions are hosting its popular Soap Box Derby June 14.

"It's an opportunity for families to work together because we encourage dads, big brothers or moms to work with these guys that are going to be the drivers," said Lion George Pieper. "They have to build the car together. You can see the interaction family wise on the hillside when this is being run. They're trying different things to make the car go faster."

The event is open to boys and girls between the ages of eight and 14, with prizes for the winners of the different heats and a grand champion's race at the end of the day.

Pieper says building the soapbox cars are simple, as kits are made available through the Didsbury Lions.

Preparation for the event started early in the year, with a construction clinic held in February, where participants and their parents were shown how to assumed their racecar.

In an effort to ensure a safe race, a brake and steering clinic for drivers was hosted in March.

Hunter faces \$500,000 in fines

BY MARK LAYCOCK
Didsbury Review

A Carstairs resident will be in Canmore Provincial Court this summer to face up to \$500,000 in fines for shooting and killing a grizzly bear last October.

Joe Lucas told the Courier he shot the bear only after it began acting aggressively and charged his 13-year-old son Kyle while the camping in Elbow-Sheep Wildland Provincial Park.

He insists the shooting was done in self-defense after earlier attempts to thwart the bear away from the campsite failed.

Lucas refused to comment further on the issue at the

advice of his attorney.

He faces charges of unlawfully hunting wildlife, unlawfully possessing wildlife, unlawful discharge of a firearm, failing to ensure a firearm in a wildland provincial park is unloaded and fully encased and unlawfully destroying a bear. Each charge carries a fine of up to \$100,000.

Alberta currently has a three-year moratorium on hunting grizzlies, which was supposed to end after this spring's hunting season, but has since been extended to 2009.

In earlier news reports, Lucas said following the shooting he rode his horse three hours back to his truck where he immediately reported the incident to

the parks department.

Alberta Parks refused to comment on the case while before the courts.

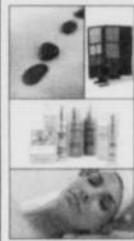
However, Jim Pissot, executive director of Defenders of Wildlife Canada, in Canmore, told the National Post that Lucas may have acted "hastily" and may have been able to find alternate ways to thwart the bear.

"We are certainly aware of hundreds of hikers in the back country in K-country and elsewhere here in the Rockies, in grizzly areas, where bears are present and bears are not shot."

Lucas will appear in court on June 5 for a preliminary hearing, with a court date to be set later in the summer.

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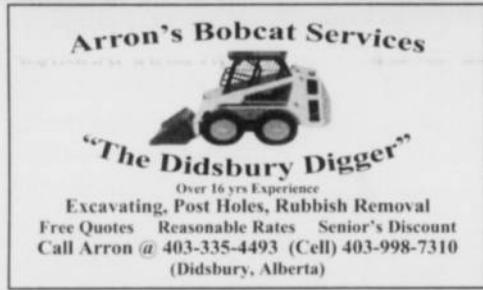
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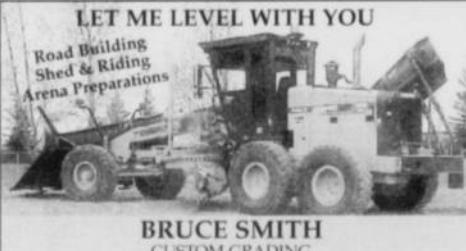
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Hay bales for exercising? You bet!

MICHAELA LUDWIG

Didsbury Review

You know that great, re-energized feeling you get after a hard workout? That's how I felt after Brenda Tams' farm girl workout class last Wednesday.

Unfortunately, I quickly realized I was too sore and too tired to do anything about it.

Having had a few horses of my own, I have spent countless hours cleaning stalls, loading grain bags and hay bales, lugging water buckets and much more. But Tams' class is a better workout than most of those other farm chores.

The class, complete with nine partici-

pants, started out like a regular step class with all the women stepping up on the hay bale and then stepping off the hay bale in time to a jazzy beat.

Soon we were doing push-ups by laying across the bale with our hands on the ground; placing our hands on the middle of the bale and hopping from one side to the other; placing one foot on the bale and keeping one foot on the floor, stretching hamstrings and loosening up sore muscles, as well as squats and various other exercises.

By this point, I was definitely feeling tired.

Our next workout routine involved rocks. I had a one or two-pound rock at my chest and then Tams showed us how to do squats,

working the abs and the leg muscles.

We also held the rock behind our heads, with our elbows close to our ears and lifted to the rock above our heads. This worked the triceps and biceps.

With a catchy beat blasting from the CD player and Tams' encouraging voice shouting instructions and keeping count, the hour flew by and only my leg muscles and lungs seemed to notice how long we had been going.

"This is a good thing to do," commented Jenna Strong, one of the participants. "It's fun, but it's hard work."

Strong said she has been coming since classes started at the beginning of May.

"You feel great afterwards."

Because of our recent wet and rainy weather, last Wednesday's class was held indoors in the hay barn.

"I like working outside more," said Tams. "We do more traveling stuff, more running and flipping the bales."

Tams went on to explain that her routine works your legs, thighs, the core - which includes triceps, biceps and abs - and it gives you a great cardiovascular workout.

So for anyone looking for a good, all-around workout, every Wednesday this summer Tams can show you all of the ways to use your average hay bale to your advantage.

Unique Safe Zone initiative unveiled

BY MARK LAYCOCK

Carstairs Courier

The Carstairs Volunteer Fire Department unveiled its one of a kind Safe Zone program last Thursday.

The program involves placing reflective orange decals on streetlights at various locations throughout town. The decals will represent an area people can gather at during an emergency such as a fire.

The department has enough decals for 100 lights, but only about 70 of the decals will be put up; roughly one for every 10 houses.

Each decal will be placed on a numbered light post, meaning that during an emergency call, emergency responders will know exactly what side of the street, and what direction those in need can be located.

"When we arrive on scene, we'll be able to ID the family at this safe zone and the safety officer can say 'is everyone out of the house?'" said Murray Pound, fire prevention officer.

"It's going to fill in one of those gaps we've got. Fire prevention in Carstairs hasn't been done well in the last 10 years," he said. "It has been let go, the weeds have been growing up through the cracks and so we're trying to revamp it and put some energy into it."

The aim is to have a decal that can be visible on every block.

The program is being funded by donations from the Lions Club and Cumberland Electric Contractors.

Pound said the decals aren't just for fire response, but can also serve as a place where anyone looking for help can go to. Passing vehicles, Citizens on Patrol or RCMP members noticing someone standing at one of the decals can stop and find out if the person is in need of assistance.

"We want to expand this and use it with other groups and other means for keeping our residents safe," said Pound.

"I think it's a really innovative program," said Mayor

Lance Colby. "I think it's good for everyone because it gives the fire department and the emergency services the opportunity to identify areas when they get there and locate people belonging to the houses for police or emergencies otherwise."

"It shows that we are progressing as a community and we are willing to look at all avenues to enhance the safety of the people that live in our community," said Colby.

Pound said the program is the first of its kind in Canada, and possibly worldwide, something he will share with fellow safety advocates when he travels to the World's Safety Conference and Exposition in Las Vegas, a trip he is able to take thanks to a scholarship.

Pound emphasized that the decals won't be placed on every lamp post, and will be spread out to prevent them from becoming unsightly.

Members will begin placing the decals on posts around town in unison with the annual smoke detector campaign in June.

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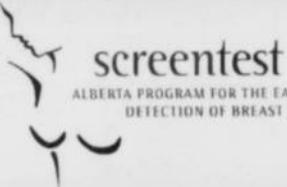
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